

Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children

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The fall of 1907 found President Roosevelt interested in the presidential aspirant of his friend, Taft, Secretary of War. Theodore, Jr., was no longer counted as one of the children. The young man had developed into a traveler, like his father; was at this time making a tour of the Great Lakes in a freighter and a little later took a trip in an army balloon. "Teddy Bears" were in the market and the famous Roosevelt phrases were on the people's lips. During the journey described in Keokuk, Ia., on the "square meal" to capital and labor strike. He delivered an address in Canton, O., at the dedication of the McKinley memorial, and his tribute to the dead president was another public triumph for Roosevelt. He said: "I have a hearty sympathy with those who believe in doing all that can be done for peace; but I have no sympathy at all with those who believe that, in the world as it now is, we can afford to see the average American citizen lose the qualities that in their sum make up a good fighting man."—The Editor.

Death of Skip.
SAGAMORE HILL, Sept. 21, 1907. BLESSED ARCHIEKINS:

We felt dreadfully homesick as you and Kermit drove away; when we passed along the bay front we always think of the dory; and we mourn dear little Skip, although perhaps it was as well the little doggie should pass peacefully away, after his happy little life; for the little fellow would have pined for you.

Your letter was a great comfort; we'll send on the football. Of course it will all be new and rather hard at first.

The house is "put up"; everything wrapped in white that can be, and all the rugs off the floors. Quentin is reduced to the secret service men for ready companionship.

Quentin's Snake Adventure.
WHITE HOUSE, Sept. 23, 1907. DEAREST ARCHIE:

Before we left Oyster Bay Quentin had collected two snakes. He took them, which did not turn up again until an hour before departure, when he found it in one of the spare rooms. This one he left loose, and brought the other one to Washington, there being a variety of exciting adventures in the way; the snake wriggling out of his box once, and being upset on the floor once. The first day home Quentin was allowed not to go to school but to go about and renew all his friendships. Among other places that he visited was Schmidt's animal store, where he left his little snake.

Schmidt presented him with three snakes, simply to pass the day with—a large and beautiful and very friendly king snake and two little weasels. Quentin came hurrying back on his roller skates and burst into the room to show me his treasure. I was discussing certain matters with the attorney-general at the time, and the snakes were eagerly deposited in my lap. The king snake, by the way, although most friendly with Quentin, had just been making a resolute effort to devour one of the smaller snakes. As Quentin and his menagerie were an interruption to my interview with the Department of Justice, I suggested that he go into the next room, where four congressmen were already waiting until I should be at leisure. I thought that he and his snakes would probably enliven their waiting time. He at once fell in with the suggestion and rushed to the room, where he found the assurance that he would there find kindred spirits. They at first thought the snakes were wooden ones, and there was some perceptible recoil when they realized that they were alive. Then the king snake went up Quentin's sleeve—he was three or four feet long—and we hesitated to drag him back because he's scale rendered that difficult. The last I saw of Quentin, one congressman was gingerly helping him off with his jacket, so as to let the snake crawl out of the upper end of the sleeve.

In the fall of 1907 the President made a tour through the West and South and went on a hunting trip in Louisiana. In accordance with his varying custom he wrote regularly to his children while on his journeyings. **Trials of Traveling President.**
ON BOARD U. S. S. MISSISSIPPI, Oct. 1, 1907. DEAREST ETHEL:

The first part of my trip up to the time that we embarked on the river at Keokuk was just about in the ordinary style. I had continually to rush out to wave at the people at the towns through which the train passed. If the train stopped anywhere I had to make a very short speech to several hundred people who evidently thought they liked me, and whom I really liked, but to whom I had nothing to say. At Canton and Keokuk I went through the usual solemn festivities—the committee of reception and the guard of honor, with the open carriage, the lines of enthusiastic fellow-citizens to whom I bowed continually right and left, the speech which in each case I thought went on rather better than I dared hope for I felt as if I had spoken myself out. When I got on the boat, however, times grew easier. I still have to rush out continually, stand on the front part of the deck, and wave at groups of people on shore, and at stern-wheel steamboats, draped with American flags and loaded with enthusiastic excursionists. But I have a great deal of time to myself, and by gentle firmness I think I have succeeded in impressing on my good hosts that I rather resent allopathic doses of information about shoals and lakes, the amount of sand per cubic foot of water, the quantity of manufactures supplied by each river, town, etc.

Changes of Three Centuries.
ON BOARD U. S. S. MISSISSIPPI, October 1, 1907.

DEAR KERMIT:

After speaking at Keokuk this

morning we got aboard this brand new stern-wheel steamer of the regular Mississippi type and started downstream. I went up in the Texas, and, of course, felt an almost irresistible desire to ask the pilot about Mark Twain. It is a broad, shallow, muddy river, at places the channel being rarely wide enough for the boat to go through, though to my inexperienced eyes the whole river looks like a channel. The bottom lands, Illinois on one side and Missouri on the other, are sometimes overgrown with forests and sometimes grow rich corn fields, with here and there a house, here and there villages, and now and then a little town. At every such place all the people of the neighborhood have gathered to greet me. The water-front of the towns would be filled with a dense packed mass of men, women and children, waving flags. The little villages have not only their own population, but also the farmers who have driven in in their wagons with their wives and children from a dozen miles back—just such farmers as came to see you and the cavalry on your march through Iowa last summer.

It is my first trip on the Mississippi, and I am greatly interested in it. How wonderful in its rapidity of movement has been the history of our country, compared with the history of the old world. For untold ages this river had been flowing through the lonely continent, not very greatly changed since the close of the Pleistocene. During all these myriads of years the prairie and the forest came down to its banks. The immense herds of the buffalo and the elk wandered along them season after season, and the Indian hunters on foot or in canoes trudged along the banks or skimmed the water. Probably a thousand years saw no change that would have been noticeable to our eyes. Then three centuries ago began the work of change. For a century its effects were not perceptible. Just nothing but an occasional French fleet of wild half-savage French-Canadian explorers passing up or down the river or one of its branches in an Indian canoe; then the first fur traders, the building of one or two little French fur traders' hamlets, the passing of one or two British officers' boats, and the very rare appearance of the uncouth American backwoodsman.

Then the change came with a rush. Our settlers reached the head-waters of the Ohio, and flat-boats and keel-boats began to go down to the mouth of the Mississippi, and the Indians and the game they followed began their march west. For ages they had marched back and forth, but from this march there was never to be a return. Then the day of steamboat traffic began, and the growth of the first American cities and states along the river with their strength and their equaler and their raw pride. Then this mighty steamboat traffic passed its zenith and collapsed, and for a generation the river towns have dwindled compared with the towns which took their importance from the growth of the railroads. I think of it all as I pass down the river.

October 4—We are steaming down the river now between Tennessee and Arkansas. The forest comes down a little denser to the bank, the houses

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Some time ago, compelled by enormously increased costs in production, advertising and distribution, we notified druggists that it would be necessary for them to secure greater returns for the sale of Nerv-Worth. Two methods offered themselves: a higher price to druggists, or a reduction in the size of our bottle. The latter course involves plays incident to a change in bottles, cases, etc., so we took the shorter way and advanced the price to druggists. Dealers who bought at the advance price put the retail price; most of the others continued the sale at \$1.00 out of older stocks.

When we made the decision first steps were taken to reduce the size of Nerv-Worth bottles, in the hope that thereby we could get back to the old popular dollar price. Those steps have now progressed to the point where the necessary size-changes are in sight.

But a chance offers now to do something toward keeping down the high cost of living for the immediate present, at least, and effective Jan. 1, 1920, we have enabled even the druggists who bought Nerv-Worth at the advance to sell the preparation at once at one dollar instead of waiting for the size-changes to be made.

In our plans to reduce the bottle contents, we are not seeking to cover all the loss entailed by vastly higher costs. To continue giving the public a big dollar bottle of Nerv-Worth we are making a costly sacrifice. Our existing Nerv-Worth bottle contains 16 ounces and is one of the largest of its class. The new one will not be disappointingly smaller. Nevertheless, until it comes Nerv-Worth users will get the biggest medicine bargain of the day by buying 16 oz. bottles of Nerv-Worth at a dollar. And so again we say:

YOUR DOLLAR BACK IF NERV-WORTH DOES NOT BENEFIT YOUR HEALTH.
NERV-WORTH CO., Zanesville, Ohio.
Craw's drug store sells Nerv-Worth in Fairmont.

Adjustment of Subscription Rates

JANUARY 1, 1920.

For a number of years The West Virginian has had the reputation of being the best paper published anywhere in a city the size of Fairmont. This has been because the people of Fairmont have demanded a newspaper of a high standard and every effort has been made by the owners to meet this public demand, although it has required a great deal of money and effort.

All newspapers of the country are facing a very serious situation at the present time. The paper on which newspapers are printed has become so scarce that many of the papers in the large cities have been compelled to reduce their size and some papers in the smaller towns compelled to go out of business. This scarcity has forced the price of paper so high that, added to the increased cost of every other item of material and labor that is required in the making of a newspaper, it is impossible to maintain the present standard of quality at the old price.

We have increased our advertising rates to help overcome the high costs and our advertisers have shown a splendid spirit of cooperation, and we believe that our readers will be quite as willing to bear their share in order that the high quality of The West Virginian may be maintained.

Therefore, beginning with January 1st, 1920, the new rates for The West Virginian will be as follows:

DELIVERED BY CARRIER IN FAIRMONT

Postcard statement will be mailed on the first of each month.	IMPORTANT—If subscription is paid in advance the following rates by carrier in Fairmont will apply:
Single copy.....\$.05	One month.....\$.80
One month.....1.00	Three months.....2.30
Three months.....3.00	Six months.....4.30
Six months.....5.00	One year.....8.20
One year.....12.00	

OUTSIDE OF FAIRMONT

By Mail	Cash in Advance
One month.....\$.75	Six months.....\$3.50
Three months.....2.00	One year.....6.00

By Carrier.

50 per copy.

NEW METHOD OF COLLECTING CITY SUBSCRIPTIONS

As the cost of collection of city subscriptions is very heavy, and the losses considerable, a new method of payment will be started January 1st, whereby the subscriber can save the cost of collection. The method is similar to that used in the collection of gas and electric light bills, except that the saving is larger. As a newspaper does not get credit for circulation unless it is actually paid for, no paper will be delivered unless the subscription has been paid.

THE WEST VIRGINIAN.

do not look quite so well kept; otherwise there is not much change. There are a dozen steamers accompanying us, filled with delegates from various river cities. The people are all out on the banks to greet us still. Moreover, at night, no matter what the hour is that we pass a town, it is generally illuminated, and sometimes whistles and noisy greetings, while our steamboats whistle in equally noisy response, so that our sleep is apt to be broken. Seventeen governors of different states are along, in a boat by themselves. I have seen a good deal of them, however, and it has been of real use to me, especially as regards two or three problems that are up. At St. Louis there was an enormous multitude of people out to see me. The procession was in a drenching rain, in which I stood bareheaded, smiling bravely and waving my handkerchief to those hardy members of the crowd who declined to go to shelter. At Cairo I was also greeted with great enthusiasm, and I was interested to find that there was still extreme bitterness felt over Dicken's description of the town and the pie in "Martin Chuzzlewit" sixty-five years ago.

Lady Grateful for Help Received

"For 12 years I suffered increasingly with indigestion and liver trouble. Bloating, gas, and distress were very much a part of my life. I heard of Nerv-Worth and immediately purchased a bottle. All my troubles were relieved temporarily. I have now hope of ever being cured. I am very grateful to the Nerv-Worth Company for the relief I have received. I am feeling like a new woman and can now eat anything with no ill results. It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the irritating mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded."

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HERE'S MY HEADQUARTERS
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NEXT DOOR TO TRACTION OFFICE

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LAUREL POINT

Chas. Henry and wife of Hildebrand, were Sunday visitors of Rachel Henry.

J. L. Jamison, wife and children of Harmony Grove, spent Sunday at Chas. Martin's.

Chas. Ford has moved to the Jesse Mercer house at this place.

Mrs. J. E. Henry and sons, Robert and Stanley, went the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leiser, of Burton.

Lloyd Hawkins and family, of Hagans, were calling on J. A. Snider and wife the 28th.

Mrs. Rella Hibbs is spending a few days with her parents, J. R. Hall and wife.

Denune Wade and wife, of Ashabula, Ohio, are here for a visit with relatives.

Miss Stella Cole and a Mr. Buchanan, of Parkersburg, were married at Morgantown the 28th.

Mrs. Fannie Berry and daughter, Leonore, of Wyatt, have been here for the past week visiting relatives.

Ray Stevens, of Fairmont, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Stevens.

J. H. Henry, of Westover, was here the 28th.

Dana and Mabel Snider and Marie Henry, of Hildebrand, were guests of George Snider and wife the 25th.

Carl Martin and wife, of Westover, were Sunday visitors here.

Miss Ruth Williams and Misses Gail and Grace Brand are spending the holidays at their home here.

Glen Henry and wife spent Christmas with Clarence Stewart and wife.

J. H. Thompson, of Morgantown, was here last Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Snider was calling on her mother, Mrs. S. J. Stevens, the 28th.

T. L. Cole has commenced to carry the mail on Rt. No. 1 after a week of no service again. Our people have almost wished for the old time post-office of the past.

Sure Relief

BELLANS

FOR INDIGESTION

MIDWAY IN LIFE

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Gold Crowns \$8.00, Fillings \$1.00 and up. Examinations free. Liberty bonds and stamps accepted.

THE UNION DENTISTS
Office over McCoy's, 101 and 103
Street, Opp. Court House.

A vast amount of work now remains to be done which the intervention of war has necessarily delayed and accumulated. Very large capital expenditures ought to be made to make up for the interruptions inevitably due to the war and to prepare the railroads to serve adequately the increased traffic throughout the country.

WALKER D. HINES,
Director General of Railroads

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Dangerous to Use Treatment for Only Temporary Relief.

There is a more serious stage of Catarrh than the annoyance caused by the stoppage of passages, and other distasteful effects.

The real danger comes from the tendency of the disease to continue its course, downward until the lungs become affected, and then dreaded consumption is on your path.

Your own experience has taught you that the disease cannot be cured by sprays, inhalants, atomizers, ointments and other local applications.

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